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TAGS: PFOR VE GY

SUBJECT: PRIME MIN OF GUYANA VISITS VENEZUELA

1. DURING HIS SEP 20-22 "INFORMAL" VISIT TO VENEZUELA, GUYANA PRIME MIN FORBES BURNHAM ACCUSED THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF ATTEMPTING TO DIVID THE THIRD WORLD BY TRYING TO DEAL SEPARATELY WITH EACH MAJOR RAW MATERIAL, SUCH AS ALUMINUM, BAUXITE AND OIL. BURNHAM TOLD THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT HE GAVE HIS FULL SUPPORT TO VENEZUELA'S POSITION AT THE FORTHCOMING PRODUCER-CONSUMER TALKS IN PARIS.

2. IN ADDITION TO PEREZ, BURNHAM MET WITH GOV MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, INTERIOR, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, COORDINATION AND PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT. BURNHAM'S DELEGATION INCLUDED THE MINISTERS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES COVERED POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN FINANCIAL AID AND THE CREATION OF MIXED COMPANIES IN GUYANA.

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3. GOV FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM AND GUYANESE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER FRED WILLS ISSUED A BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE VISIT STATING THAT THE TWO SIDES "HAD STUDIED" WAYS TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION. THE COMMUNIQUE ALOS NOTED THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT BURNHAM'S INVITATION TO VISIT GUYANA. BUT NO DATE WAS MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: REPORTS WHICH THE EMBASSY HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR ON THE BURNHAM VISIT HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE ESSEQUIBO TERRITORY DISPUTE. THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS, SUCH AS A BAUXITE SUPPLY AGREEMENT, AN ALUMINUM SMELTER, OR EXTENSION OF THE VENEZUELAN LOAN. MEETING DID PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ, WITH WHOM BURNHAM MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN THE RELAXED SURROUNDINGS PEREZ'S SEACOAST RESIDENCE ABOUT 35 MILES FROM CARACAS.  
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